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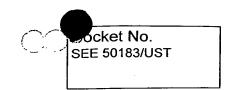
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GENETIC CONTROL OF FRUIT RIPENING
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